

# Key Provisions

The Family First Prevention Services Act (FFPSA) offers unprecedented federal support for prevention of foster care services to keep children safely in their homes, with their families while also enacting requirements that ensure the need and appropriateness of congregate care placements. The FFPSA will require vast changes and commitment to coordinated efforts in order to implement them by the Oct. 1, 2019 deadline.



## SUPPORTS CHILDREN AND FAMILIES WITH ENHANCED SERVICES TO PREVENT A CHILD'S PLACEMENT INTO FOSTER CARE

Access to mental health care, substance use disorder treatment and in-home parent skill-based training that are evidence-based as determined by the new federal child welfare clearinghouse.

These services are available to qualifying children and families for up to 12 months of federal reimbursement in order to preserve families and keep children safely in their homes, schools and communities.

Services must have been proven effective through research (evidence-based) as determined by the federal child welfare clearinghouse. Services may be provided for the child, or the child's parents or kin caregivers for up to 12 months of federal reimbursement. Funding for prevention of foster care services is only available once Utah is also compliant with new congregate care requirements.



## ADDS REQUIREMENTS FOR CONGREGATE CARE PROGRAMS

Requires youth-serving congregate care settings to be accredited, have licensed clinical nursing staff onsite and available 24/7, implement discharge planning and family aftercare supports, as well as an independent review to ensure only children that are clinically appropriate are placed in these high level residential treatment settings.

Congregate care placements that are not in compliance will be ineligible for federal reimbursement after two-weeks.



## KEEPS FAMILIES SAFELY TOGETHER DURING SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT

A child in foster care may be placed with a parent in a licensed family-based residential substance use treatment program.

Contracts have already been finalized with Odyssey House, House of Hope, Tranquility House, Desert Haven and Valley Phoenix.

All new provisions require state match funding in order to receive federal reimbursement. Some services require that children meet specific federal funding eligibility criteria.